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Message from the President

September 12, 2012

Greetings 3-1-5 er's!

As most of the country seems to have been impacted by a heat wave this summer, let us all look forward to the upcoming reunion in San Antonio, Texas in late October to bring us to a cooler point in our year to assemble once again. As we prepare to finish the plans for our combined reunion with the National WWII Glider Pilots Association and several other Troop Carrier Associates, I hope that we can come together to reminisce about our dads, granddads, moms, and grandmas with more members of our second and third generations, along with our veterans, than ever before. My personal goal is just that – to have a record number of our sons and daughters and even grandkids of our 315 TCG veterans attend this next reunion.

Shortly, you will all receive a reunion package from the Glider Pilots Association for this event, which will take place October 25 – October 28th in San Antonio, Texas. Included in the packet will be registration information for rooms, dinners and entertainment, a tour, and information about the air show for us at the local airport, which includes a ride on a C-47. But before the packet arrives, you are highly encouraged to make a reservation for that weekend at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. (Please see Reunion information on Pg. 2 of this newsletter.) Be sure to tell them you are with the Glider Pilots and Troop Carrier Groups – and you will receive the reduced reunion rate at the hotel.

Before I was voted into the presidency of this illustrious association, there was talk to dissolve this most important World War II Reunion Association that represents and honors the men and women who made up this very important segment of the Allied victory against Nazi Germany. A lot of WWII groups that met on a continuous basis to reunite and remember have dissolved for one reason or another. It is my fervent wish, after my term as president that we remain a viable group and meet every two years, even if it is for our second and third geners to get together and enjoy the memories of our parents and our grandparents. I truly believe that we owe that to them for what they did for this world. Please bring some mementos to San Antonio of your dad or granddad. Even if your mom or grandmother served in some fashion, that would be great too!

Please remember those who have lost a loved one and those who are not able to attend this great event and keep them in your thoughts and prayers. I personally miss those heroes who I've met through the years who have gone on to bluer skies, and those who are not able to attend. Thank you for the honor to serve as your president these last two years. I look forward to seeing all of you and to raise a glass for our heroes from this great organization.

Honor our Heroes as they fought with Valor for our Victory,

Marc D. Sandall



*The World War II 315th Troop Carrier Group Association
will be joining the*

**National WWII Glider Pilots Association
42nd Annual Reunion
Thursday, October 25 – Saturday, October 27, 2012**

Holiday Inn Riverwalk
217 North St. Mary's Street
San Antonio, Texas
Call 210-224-2500 for reservations

Special rate of \$92.00 per night plus tax will be honored three days before and three days after the reunion dates of October 25-27. Be sure to mention the Glider Pilots Reunion in order to get the special room rate.

If you have any problems with the reservation, please ask to speak directly with Debbie Zaeske.

IMPORTANT MISCELLANEOUS REUNION INFORMATION

- There are no free shuttles from the airport to the hotel. There is the San Antonio City Shuttle that is \$8.00 one way and a better round trip price if the return trip reservation is made during the first trip. The local taxi company charges approximately \$25.00 one way.
- There are hotel rooms for special needs.
- The indoor parking lot at the hotel does not permit oversized vehicles such as vans, large SUVs and pickup trucks with extended cabs. The vehicle clearance is 6 feet 8 inches.

THURSDAY

- The Glider Pilots Assoc. Executive Council meeting is 9 a.m.
- The National Wing Commanders meeting is at 3 p.m.
- A Mexican dinner with entertainment is planned for Thursday night. \$31/single

FRIDAY

- Sky King Air Show at the Sinson Municipal Airport. Bus boards at 8:45 a.m. Free rides on the C-47. Lunch at Terminal Café. If not taking the C-47 rides, busses will shuttle guests to the Texas Museum. Tour = \$30/single.
- Dinner in the Tango Ballroom at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk beginning at 6 p.m. \$30/single.

SATURDAY

- General Business Meeting for Glider Pilots Association at 9 a.m.
- Rest of day on your own
- Banquet at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. Doors open at 6 p.m. for special musical entertainment, followed by a performance by the Gateway Brass Quintet of the Band of the West from Lackland Air Force Base at 6:30 p.m. Banquet and show = \$36/single.

315th Troop Carrier Group Hospitality Room

The 315th will have its own Hospitality Room. Details available upon check-in.

WWII Glider Pilots Association Website: www.ww2gp.org
*Watch for your Reunion Packet from the WWII Glider Pilots Association Group
or go online for more information!*

Taps

*With deep regret we record
the loss of these comrades.*

Lt. Col. Glen E. "Scotty" Davis

34th TCG, died January 28, 2012

Michael Ingrisano

440th TCG, died February 11, 2012

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Dues

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your \$20 dues yet
this year you can send them to:

Dick Ford,
WWII 315th TCG Treasurer, P.O. Box 4399, Sunriver,
OR 97707.
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WWII 315th Treasury Report

2012 Summary

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| Bank Balance | Dec. 31, 2011 | \$2822.42 |
| Income | | \$40.81 |
| Dues | 40.00 | |
| Interest | .81 | |

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| Expenses | \$190.00 |
| Postal Permit | 190.00 |

Bank Balance June 30, 2012 \$2673.23

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| Inventory of Supplies | |
| 11 Lapel C-47's @ 7.50 | \$82.50 |

Market Garden Commemoration

Each year since 1944, the Netherlands has commemorated the Allied airborne and ground assault, named Market Garden, in which a bridge was attempted to be established crossing of Rhine River at Arnhem. The 67th commemoration was held on Sept. 16-19, 2011.

Among the 100 or so allied veterans who had taken part in this WWII battle and attended was Dick Ford, the only American pilot present. This was Lt. Col. Ford's third trip to these annual commemorative events and his second as an honored guest of the Driel's Polish Airborne Memorial Association.

The 2012 commemoration is scheduled to be held on Sept. 20-23, again visitations to highlight sites in the Arnhem-Driel area.

Hopefully Dick Ford will share some stories from the Market Garden Commemoration events when we meet in San Antonio for the Reunion!

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- 2011 Market Garden Commemoration



Dick Ford and Stan Opalacz at the memorial plaque at Oosterbeek Airborne Museum (formerly Hartenstein Hotel) which served as British Headquarters for 40,000 paratroopers and glider infantry during Market Mission.



Two girls talk to Market Mission veterans Stan Opalacz and Dick Ford during the air drop reenactment at Ginkel Heath.